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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on February 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Sandy Elliott, CNM; Stephen Lawless, MD; Christopher Martin, MD (arrived at 5:15pm); Leena Paul, MD; Delphos Price, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP

ABSENT: Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Joseph Parise, DO; Tehal Patel, R.Ph.

GUESTS: Casey Walsh

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Peggy Mack, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation;
Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Price moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Paul, MD; the motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Review Draft Rules and Regulations

For the Rules and Regulations, 8.16, the Committee discussed wording in the Collaborative Agreements. Ms. Singh observed that the APRN applicable role and population foci would need to be included. If an APRN obtains a new certification, a collaborative agreement is required. Mr. Price made a motion, seconded by Ms. Elliott to include the APRN applicable role and population foci and that if an APRN obtains a new certification, then a collaborative agreement is required; the motion carried unanimously.

For the Rules and Regulations, 8.17, the Committee discussed Independent Practice. It was recommended that wording regarding setting of practice be consistent. Full time APRN practice was defined as a minimum of 4,000 clinical hours in no more than five years.

Dr. Lawless made a motion to accept 8.17 and all its subsections. The motion was seconded by Dr. Paul and passed unanimously.

3.1.1 Discuss competencies, benchmarks and metrics –
This discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

3.2 Discussion proposed statutory changes

Ms. Singh discussed the draft from last meeting and today's draft. Rules and Regulations were reviewed in context to the Statue. In the Statue, duplicate wording in the definitions was stricken such that current section 1902(b) will be deleted.

References to the Joint Practice Committee are deleted. When appropriate, the addition of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee was inserted.

The process for an APRN inactive status was clarified. APRNS who have been out of active clinical practice with more than two years but less than five years must submit 24 hours of CE with 12 hours in pharmacotherapeutics and 12 hours in the clinical management of patients taken within one year prior to application. APRNS who have been out of active clinical practice more than five years must submit 45 hours of pharmacotherapeutics CE taken within one year prior to application and the advanced practice refresher program.

The committee discussed adding a statutory provision for endorsement of APRNs from different jurisdictions. The Committee agreed to re-visit this next meeting.

The Committee also discussed the list of potential APRN collaborators. It was recommended that dentists be removed from the list of potential collaborators for APRNs. Dr. Lawless made a motion, seconded by Dr. Paul, to remove from the statue and the rules and regulations, that a dentist could be a potential collaborator for APRNs; the motion carried unanimously.

4.0 Other Business

Dr. Williams will be attending the 2016 NCSBN APRN Roundtable in Chicago on April 5, 2016.

5.0 New Business

The American MidWifery Certification Board requests notification of disciplines. The American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) is the national certifying body for candidates in nurse-midwifery and midwifery who have received their graduate level education in programs accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). A motion was made by Dr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Elliott for the Board of Nursing to accept the request by American Midwifery Certification Board.

6.0 Public Comment – none

7.0 Next Meeting Date – March 21, 2016, 4:30 pm

8.0 Adjournment – 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Mack".

Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS
Executive Director, Board of Nursing